

## House Resolution No. 359

**Whereas**, Delena Stout has attained considerable distinction as the owner of Brookside Barkery and Bath of Kansas City, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, Delena Stout will enhance her already considerable record of achievement on February 9, 2004, when she receives a Celebration of Excellence 2004 Business Award from the Missouri Small Business Development Centers for her entrepreneurial leadership of Brookside Barkery and Bath; and

**Whereas**, in operation since July 12, 2003, Brookside Barkery and Bath is a start-up, woman-owned business which employs two full-time and two part-time employees to provide pets with state-of-the-art bathing equipment for use by pet owners or business staffers, fresh-baked treats, canine and feline accessories, and toys; and

**Whereas**, Brookside Barkery and Bath offers “Bones and Raw Food” (BARF) diet products, the Skipper’s Chippers carob chip biscuit, Sydney’s Vega-bites vegetarian treats from Australia, and the hometown favorite KC Bark-BQ; and

**Whereas**, Delena Stout encountered many difficulties in starting her business, including bank loan denials, a very reluctant leasing company, and utility problems with her rented space; and

**Whereas**, thorough research by Delena Stout indicated that the prime location for her new business was in an upscale shopping area next to a dog walking path and a neighborhood filled with young professionals who treated their pets as if they were their own children; and

**Whereas**, Delena Stout received assistance with developing her business proposal from the Missouri Business Development Program and Reuben Siverling of the University of Missouri-Kansas City Small Business Development Center:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Delena Stout for a Celebration of Excellence 2004 Business Award from the Missouri Small Business Development Centers and to convey to her this legislative body’s heartiest best wishes for continued success as the owner of Brookside Barkery and Bath; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Delena Stout of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Marsha Campbell  
District No. 39

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 359, adopted February 3, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker